

Abstract of the Disclosure

To address the need for an apparatus and method for quickly
5 establishing a CDMA dispatch call, the present invention provides for
paging mobile stations (e.g., 120-123) to inform them of the call and then
starting the dispatch call without waiting for page responses from the call
participants. The dispatch call is first transmitted by base sites (e.g., 110-
112) of all the service coverage areas (e.g., 101-103) that may have call
10 participants, and then discontinued at those base sites where no page
responses are received within a period of time. Thus, the dispatch call is
established while "call setup" effectively continues.

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